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SUMMARY: ON THE PRC DOMESTIC SCENE THE REGIME'S ORCHESTRATION OF THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT CAMPAIGN WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON STABILITY, UNITY AND PRODUCTION CONTINUES IN HIGH GEAR AT THE CENTER AND IN THE PROVINCES. MEANWHILE CHAIRMAN MAO'S FAILURE TO MEET WITH RECENT FOREIGN VIP'S HAS STIRRED SPECULATION THAT HIS HEALTH HAS DECLINED OR THAT HE IS IN HANGCHOW ATTENDING TO FACTIONAL DISPUTES. ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRONT PRC MEDIA IS GIVING THE SAME TYPE OF MEASURED LOW-KEY TREATMENT TO EVENTS IN CAMBODIA THAT WAS ACCORDED VIETNAM ON THE EVE OF THE 1973 PARIS ACCORDS. INDICATIVE OF THE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL MATTERS THAT PEKING IS NOW ENGAGED WITH, EIGHT OF THE TWELVE VICE PREMIERS NAMED AT THE 4TH NPC HAVE BECOME INVOLVED WITH FOREIGN VISITS OR VISITORS. END SUMMARY

1. DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT/NATIONWIDE STABILITY AND
UNITY

THE DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TO RECEIVE TOP PLAY (WR 10)
AND PROVINCIAL LEADERS ARE TROOPING TO THE ROSTRUM TO SOUND
THE CALLS FOR STUDY AND FOR MEETING THE DEVELOPMENT GOALS OF
THE 4TH NPC. A LEADING FEATURE OF THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN IS
AN APPEAL TO "CRITICIZE WHILE WORKING AND WORK WHILE
CRITICIZING," WHICH PUTS THE EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL EFFORTS TO
INCREASE PRODUCTION WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. ATTENTION TO
DISCIPLINE HAS BEEN KEY IN THE EFFORT TO KEEP POLITICAL
CAMPAIGN FROM AGAIN DEGENERATING INTO LAST YEAR'S
DEBACLE, AND WUHAN'S RECENT SENDING OF ARMED MILITIA TO THE
STREETS IS AN EXAMPLE THAT DISRUPTION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED
(HK 2491). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. ZEROING IN ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, PEOPLE'S DAILY ON MARCH 11
CARRIED AN EDITORIAL LINKING DICTATORSHIP ISSUES AND INDUSTRIAL
PRODUCTION (HK 2506). THE EDITORIAL BACKS UP SWELLING
PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES TO LEARN FROM INDUSTRIAL MODEL TACHING.
AN EXPERIENCE-EXCHANGE GROUP FROM TACHING HAS JOINED THE
AGRICULTURE MODEL TACHAI GROUP IN TOURING THE PROVINCES WITH
TACHING SPEAKERS ALREADY ACTIVE IN SZECHWAN AND SHANTUNG
(MARCH 9 AND 11 BROADCASTS). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. PHRASE "NATIONWIDE STABILITY AND UNITY" IN YAO WEN-YUAN'S
RED FLAG ARTICLE (WR 10) SEEMS TO BE THE REGIME'S WATCHWORD
FOR THE PRESENT, (BEGIN XGDS-2) AND APPARENTLY DERIVES FROM
CHAIRMAN MAO'S CALL FOR "SETTLING DOWN" IN LATE LAST YEAR'S
DOCUMENT 26 AND MORE RECENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE NPC
(END XGDS-2). GIVING SOME POINT TO THE EFFORT, SEVERAL PROVINCES
HAVE PICKED UP THE PHRASE AND A HEILUNGKIANG BROADCAST
(MARCH 6) CALLS 1975 "THE YEAR TO PROMOTE STABILITY AND UNITY."
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THE PHRASE IS REPEATED IN THE MARCH 11 PEOPLE'S DAILY
EDITORIAL, BUT NCNA EDITED IT OUT OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TRANSLATION, INDICATING SOME SENSITIVITY ABOUT THE SUBJECT
WHERE FOREIGNERS ARE CONCERNED. CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN

4. CHAIRMAN MAO MISSES VISITORS

CHAIRMAN MAO'S FAILURE TO MEET WITH TOP-LEVEL FRELIMO AND
CONGO LEADERS DURING THEIR RECENT VISITS (WR10) HAS AGAIN
FUELED SPECULATION THAT HIS HEALTH HAS WORSENED. RUMORS WHICH
PLACE THE CHAIRMAN IN CHEKINAG'S TROUBLED CAPITAL, HANGCHOW
--REPORTEDLY NOW A CLOSED CITY--COULD MEAN
HE MAY BE TAKING A HAND IN SETTLING FACTIONAL DISPUTES (HK 69).
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5. ANNIVERSARIES

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (MARCH 8) GAVE FURTHER SPARKLE TO THE RISING STAR OF VICE PREMIER WU KUEI-HSIEN (WR 10) WHO LED THE TURNOUT AT PEKING'S TRADITIONAL TEA PARTY. CHIANG CHING, WHO WAS ABSENT AND MISSED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO PUBLIC VIEW, WAS ALSO SLIGHTED IN THE MEDIA WHICH MADE NO MENTION OF HER (HK A-50). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

6. THE ANNIVERSARY MARCH 5 OF THE CALL TO LEARN FROM LEI FENG, THE MID-1960'S PLA MODEL WHO SACRIFICED ALL FOR THE REVOLUTION, WAS GIVEN A LITTLE MORE FANFARE THAN IN 1974. PEOPLE'S DAILY AND PROVINCIAL BROADCASTS BROUGHT HIS EXPLOITS UP TO DATE BY CITING HIM AS A MODEL FOR CONSOLIDATING DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT. UNCLASSIFIED

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7. PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES

FUCHOW MR COMMANDER PI TING-CHUN AND THE MR'S POLITICAL COMMISSAR LI CHIH-MIN ON MARCH 8 JOINED PARTY FIRST SECRETARY LIAO CHIH-KAO IN ADDRESSING A FUKIEN PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE ON LEARNING FROM TACHAI. THEY THEREBY JOINED WITH TSINAN MR COMMANDER TSENG SZU-YU, AS MILITARY LEADERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN A PROMINENT HAND IN NON-MILITARY AFFAIRS AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVE (WR 6). THIS HAS NOT BEEN COMMON PRACTICE SINCE TH DECEMBER 1973 ROTATION OF MR COMMANDERS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

8. THREE PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ACTIVE OR WHO WERE UNDER A CLOUD BECAUSE OF POSTER CRITICISM REAPPEARED THIS PAST WEEK. IN KIANGSU, OFT-CRITICIZED SECRETARY AND MD FIRST POLITICAL COMMISSAR WU TA-SHENG (WR 9) REAPPEARED MARCH 5 FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR AND ONLY THE SECOND TIME SINCE LAST MARCH. IN KIANGSI, MD COMMANDER CHEN CHANG-FENG, PREVIOUSLY THE RANKING SECRETARY, MADE HIS FIRST APPEAANCE

SINCE CHIANG WIE-CHING WAS SENT INTO THE PROVINCE AS PARTY FIRST SECRETARY (MARCH 4 BROADCAST). FINALLY, TIEH YING, A SECRETARY AND POLITICAL COMMISSAR IN CHEKIANG, MADE A PUBLIC APPEARANCE AND WAS LISTED AS SECRETARY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE NOVEMBER 1973 (MARCH 1 BROADCAST). TIEH WAS UNDER ATTACK IN LAST YEAR'S POSTER CRITICISM, BUT WAS NEVER A CHIEF TARGET IN CHEKIANG. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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9. SECRETARY KISSINGER MIDDLE EAST TRIP

ALTHOUGH NCNA HAS NOT MENTIONED THE CURRENT VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, A PRC-OWNED HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO MARCH 10 COMMENTARY ASSERTED THE SECRETARY "DEMANDS THAT EGYPT SHOULD GUARANTEE IT WILL NOT ATTACK ISRAEL, BUT HAS NOT ASKED ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM ALL OCCUPIED AREA." THIS SHOWS, THE AUTHOR ARUES, A US "TILT TOWARD ISRAEL." UNCLASSIFIED

10. CAMBODIA

A CAMBODIAN CLANDESTINE RADIO BROADCAST MARCH 11 CITED CHOU EN-LAI AS HAVING REAFFIRMED CHINESE SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE IN THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE'S FINAL VICTORY IN THE NEAR FUTURE DURING HIS MARCH 4 MEETING WITH IENG SARY (WR 10). THE BRADCAST CHARACTERIZED THE MEETING AS "WARMENST AND MOST CORDIAL." PRC MEDIA CONTINUED TO GIVE LOW-KEY COVERAGE TO THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA, AND AN AUTHORITATIVE PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTATOR ARTICLE ON MARCH 9, MORE IN SORROW THAN ANGER, CRITICIZED THE US EFFORT. CITING THEN SECSTATE ACHESON'S 1949 ("UNFORTUNATE BUT INESCAPABLE FACT") ADMISSION THAT THE US WAS POWERRRLESS TO CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF THE CHINESE REVOLUTION, COMMENTATOR DECRIED AMERICA'S FAILURE TO MASTER THE LESSONS OF HISTORY (HK 2470). CONFIDENTIAL

11. VIETNAM

SINO-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS CONTINUED IN HIGH GEAR WITH TE PRC HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY DELEGATION HAVING BEEN IN NORTH VIETNAM FOR TEN DAYS AND VICE PREMIER CHI TENG-KUEI HOSTING A BANQUET IN PEKING FOR VISITING VWP POLITBURO MEMBER HOANG VAN HOAN. UNSURPRISINGLY, THE PRC MEDIA HAS NOT MENTIONED THE HANOI VISIT OF SOVIET DEPUTY FONMIN FIRYUBIN (MOSCOW 3040, NCNA MARCH 6-13). CONFIDENTIAL

12. SOUTH AND WEST ASIA

AFTER A PERIOD OF REPLAYING PAKISTANI AND OTHER SOUTH ASIAN COMMENTARIES ON THE INDIAN KASHMIR ACTION, NCNA MARCH 11

CARIED A HARD-HITTING CORRESPONDENT' ARTICLE CONDEMNING
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INDIAN EXPANSIONISTS. ALTHOUGH MRS. GANDHI WAS NOT
MENTIONED BY NAME, THE ARTICLE BLASTED THE GOI, RECALLING
INDIAN ANNEXATION OF SIKKIM, THE 1971 "DISMEMBERMENT OF
PAKISTAN," AND IAD TO TIBETANS, AS WELL AS NEPALESE
DISSIDENTS (HONG KONG 2564). CONFIDENTIAL

13. IRAN-IRAQ

IN AN APPROVING MANNER, NCNA REPLAYED EXCERPTS OF THE IRAN-
IRAQ JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED IN ALGIERS. AMONG THE EXCERPTS
WAS THE PLEDGE TO KEEP THE REGION IMMUNE FROM FOREIGN INTER-
FERENCE, WHICH OBVIOUSLY PLEASES THE CHINESE (NCNA MARCH 6).
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14. THIRD WORLD VISITORS

CHINA CONTINUES TO ENTERTAIN A STEADY STREAM OF THIRD WORLD
VISITORS. HOMEWARD-BOUND FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORES MACHEL
AGAIN STOPPED OFF IN PEKING (WR 10) ON MARCH 7 AFTER VISITING
PYONGYANG WHERE HE APPARENTLY FARED BETTER THAN WITH HIS
CHINESE HOSTS, WHO ARE UNWILLING TO BECOME EMBROILED IN THE
REGIONAL DISPUTE CONCERNING CABINDA (PEKING 410). WITHOUT
HAVING MET WITH MAO (PARA 4), CONGOLESE PRIME MINISTER HENRI
LOPES DEPARTED FOR HOME ON MARCH 8, THE SAME DAY ZAMBIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER VERNON MWAANGA ARRIVED IN PEKING. THE
ZAMBIAN OFFICIAL'S VISIT FUELS SPECULATION THAT TENG HSIAO-
PING MAY VISIT AFRICA IN JUNE FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE
TAN/ZAM RAILROAD AND MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS.
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15. ARRIVING MARCH 13 ARE GUYANA PRIME MINISTER FORBES
BURNHAM AND SINGAPORE FOREIGN MINISTER S. RAJARATNAM.
RAJARATHAM'S ARRIVAL MARKS THE FIRST OFFICIAL SINGAPOREAN
VISIT TO THE PRC. DURING A HONG KONG STOPOVER, THE FOREIGN
MINISTER TOLD THE PRESS HE WAS CARRYING A LETTER FROM LEE
KUAN-YEW TO CHOU EN-LAI, THAT HE WOULD INVITE FOREIGN MINISTER
CHIAO KUAN-HUA TO PAY A RETURN VISIT, AND THAT HIS TALKS WITH
CHINESE LEADERS WOULD INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HOWEVER, HE REITERATED HIS
PRIME MINISTER'S AUGUST 27, 1974 REMARK THAT SINGAPORE
WOULD WAIT UNTIL ITS CLOSEST ASEAN NEIGHBORS ESTABLISH
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DIPLOMATIC LINKS WITH PEKING. UNCLASSIFIED)

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16. VICE PREMIERS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN MEXICO THAT VICE PREMIER CHEN YUNG-KUEI WILL VISIT MEXICO MARCH 27-APRIL 4 (MEXICO 2097) POINTS OUT THE WIDE USE OF NEW PRC VICE PREMIERS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SINCE THE JANUARY NPC, EIGHT OF THE TWELVE VICE PREMIERS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH FOREIGN VISITORS TO CHINA. FOR SOME OF THEM, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERIENCE COMES NONE TOO SOON. CHEN'S TRIP TO MEXICO WILL BE THE 56-YEAR-OLD MODEL PEASANT'S FIRST VISIT OUTSIDE CHINA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

17. RHODESIA

NCNA ON MARCH 10 CARRIED A PEOPLE'S DAILY "CORRESPONDENT" ARTICLE OF THE SAME DATE WHICH FORECAST DEFEAT FOR THE "SMITH REGIME'S 'RECONCILIATION' PLOT" WHICH IT CHARGED IS DESIGNED TO PROLONG RACIST DOMINATION. THE ARTICLE ASSERTED THAT THE "KEY POINT" TO SOLVING THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM IS ABOLITION OF MINORITY WHITE RULE AND REALIZATION OF MAJORITY AFRICAN RULE. WHILE OSTENSIBLY PRAISING AFRICAN LEADERS, THE ARTICLE OFFERED ADVICE: "TALKS MUST BE BASED ON THE FIGHT. WHILE USING NEGOTIATION AS A MEANS OF STRUGGLE, ARMED STRUGGLE MUST NOT BE GIVEN UP, STILL LESS THE ARMS IN HAND." NCNA HAS ALSO CITED ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S JUSTIFICATION OF ARMED STRUGGLE "IF THE ROAD TO PEACEFUL CHANGE IS CLOSED," AND NOTED AFRICAN PROTESTS OF THE RE-ARREST OF ZANU LEADER MDABANINGI SITHOLE AND CONTENTIONS THAT THE MOVE IS FURTHER

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EVIDENCE OF THE FRAUDULENT NATURE OF THE SMITH GOVERNMENT'S
DETENTE TACTICS. (NCNA MARCH 8-13). UNCLASSIFIED

18. HONG KONG

THE MARCH 5 HONG KONG URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS PRODUCED ONLY
ONE NEW FACE. JOINING THE FIVE INCUMBENTS WHO RETURN TO
THEIR SEATS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE HENRY
LUK, THE 52-YEAR-OLD EDITOR OF THE PRO-KMT CHINESE LANGUAGE
NEWSPAPER TRUTH DAILY. PROMINENT REFORMER ELSIE ELLIOTT
RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF BALLOTS. SOME 200,000 HONG
KONG RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE; BUT FOLLOWING THE
PATTERN OF PREVIOUS ELECTIONS, FAR LESS THAN HALF (APPROXI-
MATELY 26 PERCENT THIS YEAR) OF SOME 31,284 REGISTERED VOTERS
TURNED OUT TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS. UNCLASSIFIED
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